

## Governor announces TEACH Board appointments

Gov. Tommy G. Thompson recently announced his appointments to the TEACH (Technology for Educational Achievement) Wisconsin Board.

The board will oversee the \$500 million initiative to advance education in Wisconsin into the 21st Century by accelerating the use of technology in K-12 schools, technical colleges, and universities. The initiative was signed into law last October as part of the 1997-99 state budget.

“My TEACH Wisconsin initiative is one of the cornerstones of our efforts to move education in Wisconsin into the 21st Century,” Gov. Thompson said. “TEACH Wisconsin will make Wisconsin a leader in the implementation of educational technology, and the TEACH Board is a critical player in those efforts. I am confident all the new board members will serve the state well.”

The TEACH Wisconsin Board consists of nine members—five members appointed by the governor and four members defined by state statute. The public members appointed by the governor are:

- Raymond Allen of Madison is the executive assistant of the state Department of Employment Relations. He is a member of the Madison Metropolitan School District Board. He will serve a term to expire May 1, 2001.

- James Bowen is the district media coordinator for the Green Bay Area Public Schools. He resides in Green Bay and is a member of the Wisconsin Educa-

tional Media Association. He will serve a term to expire May 1, 1999.

- Rodney Pasch of Fond du Lac is vice president of Human Resources, Information Technology and Facilities for Moraine

Park Technical College in Fond du Lac. He will serve a term to expire May 1, 1999.

- Gus Wirth Jr., of Cedarburg, is the chairman of Delta Satellite

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*Libraries encouraged to join*

## ‘Read Across America’ slated March 2

Schools, libraries, and bookstores are urged to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss on March 2, 1998, by joining in Read Across America. Sponsored by the National Education Association (NEA), the event aims to involve children in reading activities across the country. The American Library Association is a partner.

Information, including a “pledge to participate,” can be found on the NEA Website at <http://www.nea.org/readacross>. Information also is available by contacting Read Across America, c/o of the National Education Association, 1201 16th St. NW, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 822-7830 (fax 888-747-READ).

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## 'Read Across America' (cont.)

Renowned children's book illustrator Tomie dePaola has designed a certificate of participation for children who read on March 2. The certificate and a list of planned activities and participants became available February 1 on the Read Across America web-site.

In addition to reading events, many NEA state and local affiliates have announced plans to buy books for children. In South Carolina, delegates at the state association have agreed to donate \$5 each to buy books to replenish school libraries. In West Valley City, UT, a sixth-grade class will buy books for other children who

live at a nearby homeless shelter.

The event will be launched February 14 when the Cat in the Hat begins traveling from the birth place of the late Ted Geisel (known as Dr. Seuss) in Springfield, Mass.,



to the White House. Readings by celebrities are planned.

ALA is encouraging local libraries to

sponsor high-profile community events on March 2, such as a family literacy night or round-robin reading. Activities planned so far include:

- the mascot of the Phoenix (AZ) Suns will tour schools to stimulate interest;
- Cambridge, Mass., firefighters will invite children to their fire houses to read;

- singer Toni Childs will conduct choral readings of children's books in Venice, CA;
- in Montgomery County, MD, retired teachers will stage a bedtime reading at a local school library; and
- in Alexandria, VA, high school students will read with the elementary students they mentor.

Other partners in the March 2 event are the Girl Scouts of America, National Center for Family Literacy, the Dream a Dolphin Foundation, International Reading Association, National Association of Elementary School Principals, National Center for Family Literacy, National Parent Teacher Association, Reading is Fundamental, and Scholastic Inc. MBNA America Bank has provided financial support. ■■

## Public library reports, surveys due March 1

Copies of the 1997 public library annual reports, surveys, and instructions have been mailed to all Wisconsin Public Library Systems for distribution to member public libraries. This information also is on the Web at <http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dlcl/pld/annrpt.html>

Instructions for completing the forms are in HTML. The actual forms and surveys are in MS Word 6.0. You must have Word or a word processing program that can read Word files to open the forms after downloading. The reports and surveys are due March 1, 1998.

Questions regarding the reports or instructions should be directed to Alan Zimmerman at (608) 266-3939 (e-mail: [zimmeaw@mail.state.wi.us](mailto:zimmeaw@mail.state.wi.us)). ■■

## TEACH Initiative (cont.)

Corporation in Mequon and is the Ozaukee County Board Supervisor. Wirth also chairs the Ozaukee County Information Services Committee. He will serve a term to expire May 1, 2003.

- Darylann Whitmarsh of Oshkosh is a gifted and talented and learning disabilities teacher at Woodworth Junior High School in Fond du Lac. She is a member of the Educational Communications Board and the Governor's Commission on Teaching in the 21st Century. She will serve a term to expire May 1, 2001.

The statutory members of the board include state Department of Administration Secretary Mark Bugher, state Superintendent of Public Instruction John Benson, UW Regent Jonathon Barry of Mount Horeb (appointed by the president of the Board of Regents), and Wisconsin Technical College System board member Anne Reid of West Bend (appointed by the president of the Wisconsin Technical College System Board).

For more information, contact Robert Cramer, Wisconsin Department of Administration, at (608) 264-7651 (e-mail: [cramer@mail.state.wi.us](mailto:cramer@mail.state.wi.us)). ■■

*December 1999 completion expected*

## Full-text database project underway

In an effort to provide access to full-text database services for all types of libraries in Wisconsin, the Division for Libraries and Community Learning will use about \$2.1 million in Library Services and Technology (LSTA) funds to develop the statewide project.

A comprehensive vendor contract should enable Wisconsin libraries to realize cost savings that would not be possible on an individual library basis. The project is expected to begin in late spring or summer 1998 and be completed in December 1999.

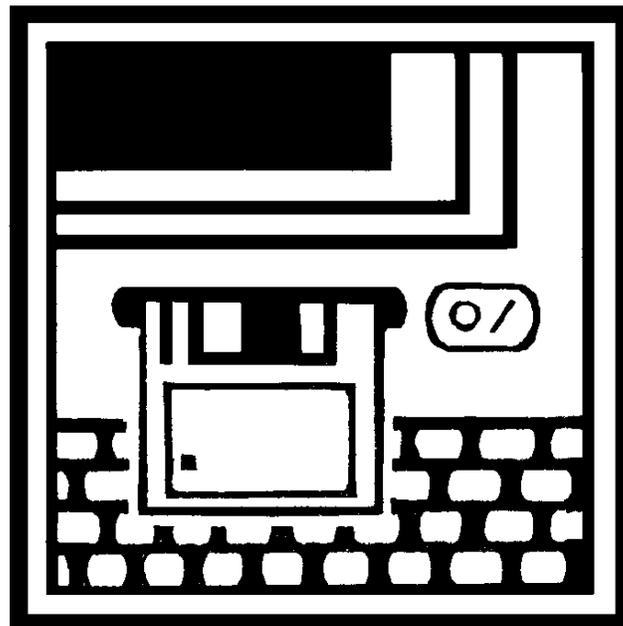
A DLCL-appointed committee will help DPI staff members develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) to encourage vendors to provide proposals for licensing databases on a statewide basis. Committee members are Peg Allen (library consultant, Stratford, WI), Lynn Bellehumeur (Milwaukee Public Library), Lee Blahnik (Oshkosh School District), Nicholas Burckel (Marquette University), Cara Cavin (Verona High School), Mike Cross (Arrowhead Library System), Peter Hamon (South Central Library System), Nancy Morris (Brown County Library), Vonna Pitel (Cedarburg High School), Lou Pitschmann (UW-Madison campus), and John Stoneberg (L.E. Phillips Library, Eau Claire, WI).

Committee members met November 21 and December 19 to help define the scope of the project and RFP language. The RFP will solicit proposals from vendors in two major areas. Vendors will be asked to provide proposals for a statewide project and for statewide

prices at which local libraries could purchase products.

The committee recommended the RFP stipulate that vendors submit proposals in four major areas: a general periodicals database; a general newspaper database; an encyclopedia; and other general reference materials. Vendors will be asked to provide information in full text with images as well as providing access to citations and abstracts. Vendors also will be asked to provide materials appropriate to users of school (K-12), public, academic, hospital, and other special libraries. The committee recommended that health, business, and social science subject areas be emphasized.

Committee members recommended the Internet be the primary access method. Vendors may provide proposals using Telnet, TCP/IP protocols, or World Wide Web services. Vendors will be invited to provide proposals for unlimited access to library staff and users. Some libraries or library systems may have the ability to offer services to users through local library automated systems or Web pages, which could authenticate local library or system users. When possible, vendors will be asked to accommodate this need of users



from outside the library.

Once vendors have responded to the RFP, committee members will have the option of requesting that vendors provide oral presentations and/or demonstrations of their products at a specified number of statewide sites.

The RFP must be approved for release by the Department of Administration. A projected calendar cannot be completed until the RFP approvals have been received. However, it seems unlikely the selection process and contract negotiations will be completed before late spring or early summer.

Information on the full text database project is available on the Web at the following URL: <http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/dlcl/pld/fulltext.html>. It is anticipated that once the RFP is completed it will be available on this website as will other updates on the project. ■

## Smaller Common School Fund allocations coming

Although Common School Trust Fund earnings are not down, library aid distributions from the Common School Fund were smaller in January for two reasons. First, the 1997-99 state budget capped the total distribution at \$14.3 million and moved the remainder of funds into the block grant portion of the Wisconsin Technology for Educational Achievement (TEACH) program to fund technology.

Second, the payments will be made in two installments, half each in January and June (1998 totals are shown).

This year's \$11.73 per child is down \$3.11 or 21 percent from the \$14.84 per child distributed last year. A school district's allocation is based on the number of "children" between 4 and 20 years of age living in the school district on the preceding June 30 as counted in the school census.

An additional change will affect distributions to PK-8 school districts. Previously, union high schools received none of the library aid distribution. The entire allocation went to the PK-8 "feeder" districts. The statutes were changed to allow some of the library aid earned by children living in these districts to go to the union high school districts. Therefore, beginning this year, the PK-8 districts will receive the amount generated by children ages 4 through 13 living in the school district, and the union high districts will receive the amount generated by those aged 14 through 19.

The library aid distribution is made from the interest earned on loans and other investments made from the Common School Fund during the preceding year. The interest earned last year was approximately \$18.2 million. After agency administrative costs were subtracted, \$17.86 million was

available for distribution. Because of the \$14.3 million cap on the amount going to purchase school library materials, \$3.56 million (about \$2.92 per child) has been moved into the TEACH program for distribution through the technology block grant program.

As soon as the information can be made available, specific school district allocations will be posted on

DPI's Common School Fund website <http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/dfm/sfms/lib1.html>. This website offers general information about the Common School Fund and provides last year's allocations. If you have questions about the Common School Fund or the library aid distribution, you may check the website or call Richard Sorensen at (608) 266-1924 or Brad Adams at (608) 266-2803. ■■

Abbotsford	\$10,017	Boscobel Area	\$14,311
Adams-Friendship Area	\$24,269	Boulder Junction J1	\$2,850
Albany	\$7,179	Bowler	\$8,317
Algoma	\$14,088	Boyceville Community	\$12,727
Alma	\$5,830	Brighton #1	\$2,381
Alma Center	\$7,554	Brillion	\$16,129
Almond-Bancroft	\$8,082	Bristol #1	\$6,721
Altoona	\$20,410	Brodhead	\$18,662
Amery	\$26,592	Brown Deer	\$25,196
Antigo	\$46,169	Bruce	\$10,076
Appleton Area	\$240,676	Burlington Area	\$59,483
Arcadia	\$17,947	Butternut	\$4,328
Argyle	\$5,091	Cadott Community	\$14,228
Arrowhead UHS	\$31,659	Cambria-Friesland	\$7,120
Ashland	\$38,193	Cambridge	\$14,088
Ashwaubenon	\$44,867	Cameron	\$12,187
Athens	\$11,906	Campbellsport	\$38,134
Auburndale	\$14,522	Cashton	\$13,794
Augusta	\$14,698	Cassville	\$7,003
Baldwin-Woodville Area	\$18,440	Cedar Grove-Belgium Area	\$14,299
Bangor	\$10,979	Cedarburg	\$44,011
Baraboo	\$45,888	Central/Westosha UHS	\$16,950
Barneveld	\$5,783	Chetek	\$17,747
Barron Area	\$24,856	Chilton	\$22,404
Bayfield	\$8,105	Chippewa Falls Area	\$81,770
Beaver Dam	\$61,911	Clayton	\$5,173
Beecher-Dunbar-Pembin	\$6,780	Clear Lake	\$10,135
Belleville	\$11,296	Clinton Community	\$17,243
Belmont Community	\$5,924	Clintonville	\$28,129
Beloit	\$101,594	Cochrane-Fountain City	\$10,909
Beloit Turner	\$16,950	Colby	\$22,498
Benton	\$4,481	Coleman	\$14,967
Berlin Area	\$34,850	Colfax	\$12,070
Big Foot UHS	\$8,223	Columbus	\$21,618
Birchwood	\$4,563	Cornell	\$9,138
Black Hawk	\$8,962	Crandon	\$17,572
Black River Falls	\$30,873	Crivitz	\$13,267
Blair-Taylor	\$11,519	Cuba City	\$15,777
Bloomer	\$21,431	Cudahy	\$47,964
Bonduel	\$14,815		

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CSF allocations (cont.)

		Green Bay Area	\$340,475	Luxemburg-Casco	\$30,721
		Green Lake	\$6,088	Madison Metropolitan	\$391,981
Cumberland	\$16,915	Greendale	\$35,671	Manawa	\$12,293
D C Everest Area	\$76,233	Greenfield	\$50,591	Manitowoc	\$100,350
Darlington Community	\$13,654	Greenwood	\$10,745	Maple	\$18,146
De Forest Area	\$42,463	Hamilton	\$56,022	Maple Dale-Indian Hill	\$8,012
De Pere	\$42,932	Hartford J1	\$26,381	Marathon City	\$15,167
De Soto Area	\$10,709	Hartford UHS	\$25,630	Marinette	\$39,941
Deerfield Community	\$10,557	Hartland-Lakeside J3	\$21,970	Marion	\$11,061
Delavan-Darien	\$60,597	Hayward Community	\$38,674	Markesan	\$18,932
Denmark	\$26,827	Herman #22	\$2,311	Marshall	\$14,088
Dodgeland	\$15,331	Highland	\$5,501	Marshfield	\$80,210
Dodgeville	\$18,874	Hilbert	\$10,545	Mauston	\$28,609
Dover #1	\$1,560	Hillsboro	\$11,976	Mayville	\$24,457
Drummond Area	\$8,539	Holmen	\$43,131	McFarland	\$28,269
Durand	\$23,073	Horicon	\$24,985	Medford Area	\$44,891
East Troy Community	\$28,316	Hortonville	\$41,700	Mellen	\$5,713
Eau Claire Area	\$174,589	Howard-Suamico	\$53,442	Melrose-Mindoro	\$10,451
Edgar	\$11,179	Howards Grove	\$15,190	Menasha	\$62,556
Edgerton	\$31,131	Hudson	\$62,521	Menominee Indian	\$22,111
Elcho	\$6,944	Hurley	\$11,202	Menomonee Falls	\$60,022
Eleva-Strum	\$9,560	Hustisford	\$8,762	Menomonie Area	\$54,638
Elk Mound Area	\$11,061	Independence	\$6,780	Mequon-Thiensville	\$61,923
Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah	\$10,979	Iola-Scandinavia	\$11,800	Mercer	\$3,542
Elkhorn Area	\$37,513	Iowa-Grant	\$14,029	Merrill Area	\$54,110
Ellsworth Community	\$28,762	Ithaca	\$5,232	Merton Community	\$13,173
Elmbrook	\$131,587	Janesville	\$167,199	Middleton-Cross Plains	\$71,096
Elmwood	\$6,264	Jefferson	\$30,650	Milton	\$43,753
Elroy-Kendall-Wilton	\$14,299	Johnson Creek	\$9,349	Milwaukee	\$1,771,547
Erin #2	\$4,235	Juda	\$3,871	Mineral Point	\$11,484
Evansville Community	\$22,721	Kaukauna Area	\$59,307	Minocqua J1	\$10,275
Fall Creek	\$12,481	Kenosha	\$298,857	Mishicot	\$21,642
Fall River	\$5,806	Kettle Moraine	\$73,747	Mondovi	\$15,988
Fennimore Community	\$13,032	Kewaskum	\$36,187	Monona Grove	\$36,480
Flambeau	\$10,850	Kewaunee	\$19,566	Monroe	\$42,979
Florence	\$13,302	Kickapoo Area	\$9,302	Montello	\$10,064
Fond du Lac	\$114,063	Kiel Area	\$23,917	Monticello	\$6,017
Fontana J8	\$3,531	Kimberly Area	\$43,108	Mosinee	\$31,155
Fort Atkinson	\$43,553	Kohler	\$6,264	Mount Horeb Area	\$25,196
Fox Point J2	\$13,161	La Crosse	\$136,901	Mukwonago	\$83,447
Franklin Public	\$61,207	La Farge	\$5,478	Muskego-Norway	\$74,356
Frederic	\$10,709	Lac du Flambeau #1	\$6,710	Necedah Area	\$12,973
Freedom Area	\$25,055	Ladysmith-Hawkins	\$18,662	Neenah	\$106,086
Friess Lake	\$3,695	Lake Country	\$4,622	Neillsville	\$19,800
Galesville-Ettrick-Trempealeau	\$21,525	Lake Geneva J1	\$25,349	Nekoosa	\$21,478
Geneva J4	\$1,736	Lake Geneva-Genoa City	\$20,610	Neosho J3	\$3,718
Genoa City J2	\$5,349	Lake Holcombe	\$7,413	New Auburn	\$4,798
Germantown	\$61,641	Lake Mills Area	\$21,607	New Berlin	\$80,116
Gibraltar Area	\$9,865	Lakeland UHS	\$13,173	New Glarus	\$9,642
Gillett	\$11,343	Lancaster Community	\$19,167	New Holstein	\$29,102
Gilman	\$9,361	Laona	\$5,196	New Lisbon	\$10,405
Gilmanton	\$3,683	Lena	\$7,929	New London	\$43,976
Glendale-River Hills	\$16,786	Linn J4	\$1,337	New Richmond	\$32,504
Glenwood City	\$13,888	Linn J6	\$1,607	Niagara	\$9,384
Glidden	\$4,305	Little Chute Area	\$26,017	Nicolet UHS	\$22,897
Goodman-Armstrong	\$3,331	Lodi	\$21,841	Norris	\$1,056
Grafton	\$37,055	Lomira	\$17,912	North Cape	\$2,850
Granton Area	\$7,941	Loyal	\$11,331		
Grantsburg	\$15,202	Luck	\$9,759		

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**CSF allocations (cont.)**

North Crawford	\$10,639	Richfield J1	\$6,639	Tri-County Area	\$11,179
North Fond du Lac	\$20,563	Richland	\$30,193	Turtle Lake	\$8,152
North Lake	\$4,903	Richmond	\$3,331	Twin Lakes #4	\$5,290
Northwestern Ozaukee	\$17,513	Rio Community	\$7,648	Two Rivers	\$39,941
Northland Pines	\$24,011	Ripon	\$25,548	Union Grove J1	\$9,220
Northwood	\$5,478	River Falls	\$47,143	Union Grove UHS	\$13,736
Norwalk-Ontario	\$8,610	River Ridge	\$11,132	Unity	\$16,774
Norway J7	\$1,595	River Valley	\$24,539	Valders Area	\$18,123
Oak Creek-Franklin	\$66,603	Riverdale	\$14,158	Verona Area	\$52,715
Oakfield	\$10,393	Rosendale-Brandon	\$18,275	Viroqua Area	\$21,513
Oconomowoc Area	\$66,967	Rosholt	\$11,472	Wabeno Area	\$9,630
Oconto	\$20,293	Rubicon J6	\$2,276	Walworth J1	\$6,053
Oconto Falls	\$25,055	Saint Croix Central	\$15,448	Washburn	\$11,343
Omro	\$18,616	Saint Croix Falls	\$16,035	Washington	\$1,947
Onalaska	\$47,624	Saint Francis	\$20,234	Washington-Caldwell	\$4,493
Oostburg	\$17,830	Salem #7	\$3,671	Waterford J1	\$18,451
Oregon	\$46,287	Salem J2	\$12,809	Waterford UHS	\$12,704
Osceola	\$25,431	Sauk Prairie	\$41,301	Waterloo	\$15,038
Oshkosh Area	\$151,634	Seneca	\$6,534	Watertown	\$68,386
Osseo-Fairchild	\$15,308	Sevastopol	\$11,789	Waukesha	\$214,295
Owen-Withee	\$13,853	Seymour Community	\$37,337	Waunakee Community	\$38,169
Palmyra-Eagle Area	\$25,783	Sharon J11	\$3,636	Waupaca	\$40,257
Pardeeville Area	\$16,117	Shawano-Gresham	\$45,911	Waupun	\$41,008
Paris J1	\$2,534	Sheboygan Area	\$161,639	Wausau	\$147,282
Park Falls	\$17,009	Sheboygan Falls	\$29,102	Wausaukee	\$11,120
Parkview	\$18,240	Shell Lake	\$8,962	Wautoma Area	\$26,146
Pecatonica Area	\$7,953	Shiocton	\$11,097	Wauwatosa	\$115,975
Pepin Area	\$5,290	Shorewood	\$30,322	Wauzeka-Steuben	\$5,560
Peshtigo	\$14,076	Shullsburg	\$7,132	Webster	\$11,085
Pewaukee	\$32,527	Silver Lake J1	\$8,270	West Allis	\$212,548
Phelps	\$3,003	Siren	\$7,589	West Bend	\$122,332
Phillips	\$21,008	Slinger	\$39,448	West De Pere	\$29,736
Pittsville	\$10,815	Solon Springs	\$5,795	West Salem	\$22,604
Platteville	\$31,859	Somerset	\$16,199	Westby Area	\$21,642
Plum City	\$5,736	South Milwaukee	\$51,495	Westfield	\$23,824
Plymouth	\$43,788	South Shore	\$5,173	Weston	\$6,369
Port Edwards	\$8,047	Southern Door	\$17,689	Weyauwega-Fremont	\$18,639
Port Washington-Saukville	\$45,137	Southwestern Wisconsin	\$12,023	Weyerhaeuser Area	\$3,402
Portage Community	\$40,609	Sparta Area	\$43,565	Wheatland J1	\$9,032
Potosi	\$6,522	Spencer	\$15,085	White Lake	\$4,317
Poynette	\$16,469	Spooner	\$23,214	Whitefish Bay	\$38,908
Prairie du Chien Area	\$23,507	Spring Valley	\$13,138	Whitehall	\$12,481
Prairie Farm	\$6,334	Stanley-Boyd Area	\$17,677	Whitewater	\$29,067
Prentice	\$9,067	Stevens Point Area	\$155,939	Whitnall	\$42,920
Prescott	\$20,281	Stockbridge	\$4,012	Wild Rose	\$10,745
Princeton	\$9,419	Stone Bank	\$4,798	Williams Bay	\$7,366
Pulaski Community	\$48,949	Stoughton Area	\$56,327	Wilmot Grade	\$1,865
Racine	\$396,216	Stratford	\$13,841	Wilmot UHS	\$14,792
Randall J1	\$8,657	Sturgeon Bay	\$25,008	Winneconne Community	\$24,563
Randolph	\$9,724	Sun Prairie Area	\$79,823	Winter	\$6,886
Random Lake	\$19,659	Superior	\$82,661	Wisconsin Dells	\$27,577
Raymond #14	\$5,384	Suring	\$10,275	Wisconsin Heights	\$16,844
Reedsburg	\$38,158	Swallow	\$3,249	Wisconsin Rapids	\$107,283
Reedsville	\$14,651	Thorp	\$13,654	Wittenberg-Biramwood	\$22,123
Rhineland	\$49,196	Three Lakes	\$11,636	Wonewoc-Union Center	\$8,129
Rib Lake	\$9,666	Tigerton	\$5,689	Woodruff J1	\$8,891
Rice Lake Area	\$42,815	Tomah Area	\$52,304	Wrightstown Community	\$15,519
		Tomahawk	\$27,319	Yorkville J2	\$4,891
		Tomorrow River	\$14,369	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$14,294,006</b>

# Library System Aid

## State aid payments total \$12.8 million

State Superintendent of Public Instruction John Benson announced the first of two state aid payments to be made to Wisconsin's 17 federated public library systems for 1998 operations. Public library systems are county and multi-county library organizations created to improve public library services and increase all Wisconsin residents' access to library materials and services. A total of \$12,863,800 in state aid was provided to public library systems for 1998.

The benefits of public library system services are provided to state residents through the 381 independent public library members of public library systems. All counties and all public libraries in the state have elected to join a public library system.

In announcing the payments, Benson said, "The amount provided to public library systems in 1998 represents a 9.3 percent increase over 1997. Previous to this year, the last aid increase was a 2 percent increase provided in 1995. The following two years of no increase in funding made it extremely difficult for systems to maintain existing library services. I am pleased with this legislative recognition of the need to provide adequate funding for public library system services." Although there was an overall increase in public library system funding, individual system funding increases varied from 6 percent to 12 percent based on a formula that includes population, services area, and local library expenditures

System funds are expended in accordance with plans developed

and adopted by local boards specifically for each system area. System service requirements include:

- ensuring that system residents have complete access to all public libraries within the system;
- loaning of library materials among participating public libraries for users;
- referral of information requests that cannot be answered locally to other libraries;
- fostering cooperation among public, school, academic, and special libraries;

- coordinating planning for library automation, collection development, and services to users with special needs; and
- arranging for service agreements with adjacent library systems.

To help member libraries serve users, systems provide delivery between libraries, consulting services, and continuing education opportunities for librarians.

State aid payments for 1998 public library system operations are listed below. ■■

<b>Arrowhead Library System</b>	\$380,824
Rock County	
<b>Eastern Shores Library System</b>	\$498,836
Sheboygan and Ozaukee counties	
<b>Indianhead Federated Library System</b>	\$960,528
Barron, Chippewa, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Price, Rusk, and St. Croix counties	
<b>Kenosha County Library System</b>	\$335,537
<b>Lakeshores Library System</b>	\$551,150
Racine and Walworth counties	
<b>Manitowoc-Calumet County Federated Library System</b>	\$266,535
Calumet and Manitowoc counties	
<b>Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System</b>	\$863,415
Dodge, Fond du Lac, Jefferson, and Washington counties	
<b>Milwaukee County Federated Library System</b>	\$2,319,029
<b>Nicolet Federated Library System</b>	\$929,252
Brown, Door, Florence, Kewaunee, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, and Shawano counties	
<b>Northern Waters Library Service</b>	\$454,646
Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Sawyer, Vilas and Washburn counties	
<b>Outagamie-Waupaca Library System</b>	\$511,742
Outagamie and Waupaca counties	
<b>South Central Library System</b>	\$1,735,432
Adams, Columbia, Dane, Green, Portage, Sauk, and Wood counties	
<b>Southwest Wisconsin Library System</b>	\$314,224
Crawford, Grant, Iowa, Lafayette and Richland counties	
<b>Waukesha County Federated Library System</b>	\$809,452
<b>Winding Rivers library System</b>	\$674,355
Buffalo, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Monroe, Trempealeau, and Vernon counties	
<b>Winnefox Federated Library System</b>	\$531,056
Green Lake, Waushara, Winnebago and Marquette counties	
<b>Wisconsin Valley Library Service</b>	\$727,788
Clark, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, and Taylor counties	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,863,800</b>

Described here are VHS videocassettes on topics of interest to library staff and others who support the work of libraries. All of these programs are available for free loan from the Reference and Loan Library.

*Born to Succeed: An Early Literacy Message From Young Parents* (Early Childhood Resources, Multnomah County Library, 1996; 12 minutes) (VHS V-6436 (024849)) This is an inspirational program in which young parents share their experiences of reading with their babies and toddlers and tell how it has influenced their families. The video is suitable for use with community groups, literacy programs, or potential funding sources.

*GIS in Libraries: Public Access to GIS* (Environmental Systems Research Institute, 1994; 17 minutes) (VHS V-6417 (024884)) tells what geographic information systems are and discusses the Association of Research Libraries' GIS literacy project. The program shows how three different libraries — University of California at Santa Barbara, Montana State Library, and St. Louis Public Library — make GIS available to their patrons.

*Kids Can't Wait: Library Advocacy Now!* (American Library Association, 1996; 9 minutes) (VHS V-6482 (024895)) is a promotional tape useful for public relations presentations about the public library and its role in children's literacy. Mary R. Somerville, 1996-97 president of the American Library Association, hosts this program, which says kids need to be able read to succeed and de-

scribes what libraries and librarians can provide for them. It also tells what citizens can do to support the library and its work.

*Leading Kids to Books* (ALA/Library Video Network, 1997; 39 minutes; closed captioned) (VHS V-6362 (024788)) Librarian and storyteller Caroline Feller Bauer shares programming activity ideas for developing children's interest in books and reading. She demonstrates simple attention-getting techniques, magic tricks, the use of

puppets, and the use of props for visualizing stories.

*Volunteers: We Couldn't Do It Without Them!* (ALA Video/Library Video Network, 1997; 25 minutes; closed captioned) (VHS V-6399 (024807)) tells that volunteers are essential to the daily function of many libraries and describes the benefits of involving them. Guidelines are provided for putting together a successful library volunteer program. They cover

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## Around Wisconsin

### People

**Dori Sutton** retired Jan. 8, 1998, after 28 years as director of the Barrett Memorial Library in Williams Bay. **Marlene Rogers** became the new director on Jan. 20, 1998.

New librarian certifications/upgrades as of Dec. 30, 1997, are as follows. Grade 1: **Marie Elizabeth Cook**, Beloit Public Library; Barbara E. Hauer, River Falls Public Library director; **Kathleen McBride**, Mukwonago Community Library (upgrade); **David L. Polodna**, Winding Rivers Library System director (as of 1/1/98); and **Janet I. Ronnback**, Superior Public Library director. Grade 2: **Rita F. Schiesser**, Algoma Public Library (upgrade).

**Walter Burkhalter** is the new director of the Southwest Wisconsin Library System. He was the director at the Franklin (WI) Public Library since November 1993.

### Places

The **Coloma Public Library** moved into its new building Oct. 16, 1997.

**Wautoma Public Library** has begun remodeling an area of the building vacated by the fire department. Plans include new restrooms, a meeting room, and a quiet reading room.

### Awards

**Evelyn Payson**, UW-Rock County Library Director, has been named a recipient of the Arthur M. Kaplan Fellowship award for the 1997-98 academic year. The Kaplan Award was established in memory of Provost Emeritus Arthur M. Kaplan to recognize outstanding contributions made to education by UW colleges faculty and academic staff. ■

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## AV Notes (cont.)

such things as recruiting, training, handling problems, and acknowledging volunteers.

The "AV Notes" column in the July-August 1997 issue of *Channel* contained descriptions of the first 11 programs in the video-based *Library Staff Development Series* produced by the Urban Libraries Council. The final four programs in the 15-part series were released recently, and copies are available for loan from the Reference and Loan Library.

The first program in the series, which introduces the changing public library, is a video only without course materials. The other programs are inservice training courses that can be used with in-house staff facilitators and are designed for presentation in a single session or in multiple sessions totaling two and a half to three hours. Course materials include a facilitation guide that provides a program description, information about preparation, and a suggested facilitation outline; a 15- to 25-minute VHS videocassette containing vignettes or background information appropriate to the particular topic; and reproducible participant handouts and evaluation forms.

Earlier courses in the series dealt with library operations and communication skills. The four new courses, numbers 11 through 14, deal with public library partnerships, leadership issues for library trustees and middle and upper library management, and visioning the future.

*Course 11. Leading the Way: Partnering For Success* (1997) (VHS V-6472 (024885)) helps

library staff with the creation and management of partnerships with outside organizations, schools, and businesses. It explains how partnerships can provide needed resources and revitalize libraries, communities, and library staff. Some examples are shown, and the process of establishing a partnership—including the steps of matching, communicating, planning, committing, and evaluating—is described.

*Course 12. Leading the Way: Creating a Board That Works* (1997) (VHS V-6473 (024886)) is a training course for library boards. It uses dramatizations to look at the need to function as a team, the role and meaning of governance, and what it means to be a good library advocate. The course is intended to help library trustees effectively govern and advocate for their library in an era of change and illustrates the challenges of being a board member in an urban or metropolitan setting.

*Course 13. Leading the Way: Building Strategic Leadership: Freedom Within a Framework* (1997) (VHS V-6474 (024887)) is a training course for library staff in middle to upper management positions which looks at the need for strong leadership in libraries. Dramatizations stimulate discussion about leadership skills management can use to create an environment in which staff are motivated and able to develop ideas and strategies that will benefit the library and its users.

*Course 14. Leading the Way: Creating a Future for Public Libraries* (1997) (VHS V-6475 (024888)) provides a forum for middle to upper management to discuss the future of public libraries, in general and specific to their

environment and community. It is intended to stimulate creative thinking and excitement about the future of the public library and new kinds of issues that need to be addressed.

The earlier titles in the Urban Libraries Council's *Library Staff Development Series* are: *Libraries Now: An Historic Past, A Growing Future* (1995) (VHS V-6344 (024770)); *Course 1. Metropolitan Libraries: Continuing Significance, Constant Change* (1995) (VHS V-6345 (024771)); *Course 2. Taking Charge of Your Work: Technical Services* (1995) (VHS V-6346 (024772)); *Course 3. Taking Charge of Your Work: Public Services* (1995) (VHS V-6347 (024773)); *Course 4. Taking Charge of Your Work: Facilities Support Services* (1995) (VHS V-6348 (024774)); *Course 5. Taking Charge of Your Work: Systemwide Services* (1995) (VHS V-6349 (024775)); *Course 6. Enhancing Internal Communication: Building Effective Relationships* (1996) (VHS V-6350 (024776)); *Course 7. Enhancing Internal Communication: Using Negotiation to Resolve Conflict* (1996) (VHS V-6351 (024777)); *Course 8. Enhancing External Communication: Managing Conflict* (1996) (VHS V-6352 (024778)); *Course 9. Enhancing Communication: Making Your Case* (1996) (VHS V-6353 (024779)); *Course 10. Enhancing Communication: Teaching Technology* (1996) (VHS V-6354 (024780)).

Libraries and media centers of all types may call or send requests for videocassettes directly to the Reference and Loan Library. Requests also may be sent through traditional interlibrary loan channels. Organization and business personnel, teachers at kinder-

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## Special Needs Youth Task Force members announced

The name of the At-Risk Youth Initiative has been changed to the Public Library Special Needs Youth Initiative to more accurately reflect its scope and the needs of the children and teens it will address.

The purpose of this initiative, which will be carried out in 1998 with federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds, is to create a statewide plan to improve public library services in Wisconsin to special needs youth—low-income children and teenagers and those with disabilities.

The first meeting of the task force, which is the planning group for the initiative, will be held on February 20. The names and affiliations of the task force members are given below. Coral Swanson, former director of the Arrowhead Library System, has agreed to serve as facilitator for the task force.

**Sonja Ackerman**

Marathon County Public Library

**Claudia Backus**

Waukesha County Library System

**Nan Brien**

Wisconsin Council on Children and Families

**Sharon Charles**

Southwest Wisconsin Library System

**Jill Haglund**

Department of Public Instruction

**Peter Hamon**

South Central Library System

**Clare Kindt**

Brown County Library

**Rose Mary Leaver**

Arrowhead Library System

**Marge Loch-Wouters**

Elisha D. Smith Public Library

**Sandra Lockett**

Milwaukee Public Library

**Barbara Manthei**

Governor's Office on Literacy and Lifelong Learning

**Connie Meyer**

Dwight Foster Public Library

**Linda Olson**

Madison Public Library

**Marcia Sarnowski**

Winding Rivers Library System

**Frederick Timm**

Stoughton School District

**Jim Trojanowski**

Vaughn Public Library

**DPI Division for Libraries and  
Community Learning Staff**

**Larry Nix**

Public Library Development

**Frances de Usabel**

Public Library Development

**Jane Roeber**

Public Library Development

**Coral Swanson, facilitator**

Former Director, Arrowhead Library System ■■



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### AV Notes (cont.)

garten through 12th grade schools, faculty and staff at academic institutions, and state agency employees also have the choice between contacting R&LL directly or sending interloan requests through their libraries. All others, including individual borrowers, must request materials on interlibrary loan through their public libraries. Videocassettes may be booked for specific use dates. An item requested with no date specified will be sent immediately if available or booked for the next open date if it is in use. The R&LL phone number for making direct requests is (608) 224-6169; the fax number is (608) 224-6178. ■■

# Literature awards announced

These are the Children's and Young Adult Literature Awards and Distinctions announced Jan. 12, 1998, at the American Library Association Conference.

**1998 ALSC John Newbery Medal** (distinguished writing for children)—*Out of the Dust, A Novel* by Karen Hesse (Scholastic, 1997; ISBN 0-590-36080-9; \$15.95).

**1998 ALSC John Newbery Honor Books**—*Lily's Crossing* by Patricia Reilly Giff (Delacorte Press, 1997; ISBN 0-385-32142-2; \$14.95); *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine (HarperCollins Publishers, 1997; ISBN 0-06-027510-3; \$14.95); and *Wringer* by Jerry Spinelli (Joanna Cotler/HarperCollins Publishers, 1997; ISBN 0-06-024913-7; \$14.95).

**1998 ALSC Randolph Caldecott Award** (distinguished illustration for children)—*Rapunzel*, retold and illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky (Dutton Children's Books, 1997; ISBN 0-525-45607-4; \$16.99).

**1998 ALSC Randolph Caldecott Honor Books**—*Harlem: A Poem*, illustrated by Christopher Myers, written by Walter Dean Myers (Scholastic, 1997; ISBN 0-590-54340-7; \$16.95); *The Gardener*, illustrated by David Small, written by Sarah Stewart (Farrar Straus Giroux, 1997; ISBN 0-374-32517-0; \$15.00); and *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly*, written and illustrated by Simms Taback (Viking, 1997; ISBN 0-670-86939-2; \$14.99).

**1998 SRRT Coretta Scott King Author Award** (outstanding writing by an African-

American author)—*Forged by Fire* by Sharon M. Draper (Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 1997; ISBN 0-689-80699-X; \$16.00).

**1998 SRRT Coretta Scott King Author Honor Books**—*I Thought My Soul Would Rise and Fly: the Diary of Patsy, a Freed Girl* by Joyce Hansen (Scholastic, 1997; ISBN 0-590-84913-1; \$9.95); and *Bayard Rustin: Behind the Scenes of the Civil Rights Movement* by James Haskins (Hyperion Books for Children, 1997; ISBN 0-7868-2140-X; \$14.95).

**1998 SRRT Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award** (outstanding illustrations by an African-American artist)—*In Daddy's Arms I Am Tall: African Americans Celebrating Fathers*, illustrated by Javaka Steptoe (Lee & Low, 1997; ISBN 1-880000-31-8; \$15.95).

**1998 SRRT Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Books**—*Ashley Bryan's ABC of African American Poetry* by Ashley Bryan (A Jean Karl Book/Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 1997; ISBN 0-689-81209-4; \$16.00); *The Hunterman and the Crocodile: A West African Folktale* by Baba Wagué Diakité (Scholastic, 1997; ISBN 0-590-89828-0; \$15.95); and *Harlem: A Poem*, illustrated by Christopher Myers, written by Walter Dean Myers (Scholastic, 1997; ISBN 0-590-54340-7; \$16.95).

**1998 ALSC Mildred L. Batchelder Award** (given to the publisher of the outstanding translated book)—Henry Holt for publishing *The Robber and Me* by Josef Holub. Translated from the German by Elizabeth D. Crawford. (U.S. edition: Henry Holt, 1997; ISBN 0-8050-5599-1; \$16.95).

**1998 Mildred L. Batchelder Honor Books**—Viking for publishing *Nero Corleone: a Cat's Story* by Elke Heidenreich. Translated from the German by Doris Orgel. Illustrated by Quint Buchholz (U.S. edition: Viking, 1997; ISBN 0-670-87395-0; \$15.99). Scholastic for publishing *Hostage to War: a True Story* by Tatjana Wassiljewa. Translated from the German translation of the original Russian by Anna Trenter (U.S. edition: Scholastic, 1997; ISBN 0-590-13446-9; \$15.95).

**1998 ALSC/REFORMA Pura Belpré Author Award** (outstanding writing by a Latino author)—*Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida* by Victor Martinez (Joanna Cotler/HarperCollins Publishers, 1996; ISBN 0-06-026704-6; \$14.95).

**1998 ALSC/REFORMA Pura Belpré Author Honor Books**—*Laughing Tomatoes and other Spring Poems/Jitomates Risueños y otros poemas de primavera* by Francisco X. Alarcón, illustrated by Maya Christina Gonzalez (Children's Book Press, 1997; ISBN 0-89239-139-1; \$15.95); and *Spirits of the High Mesa* by Floyd Martinez (Piñata Books/Arte Público, 1997; ISBN 1-55885-198-4; \$7.95).

**1998 ALSC/REFORMA Pura Belpré Illustrator Award** (outstanding illustration by a Latino artist)—*Snapshots from the Wedding*, illustrated by Stephanie Garcia, written by Gary Soto (G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1997; ISBN 0-399-22808-X; \$15.95).

**1998 ALSC/REFORMA Pura Belpré Illustrator Honor Books**—*In My Family/En Mi Familia*, written and illustrated by Carmen Lomas Garza, English translation by Francisco X. Alarcón (Children's Book Press, 1996; ISBN 0-89239-138-3; \$15.95); *The Golden Flower: a Taino Myth from Puerto Rico*, illustrated by Enrique O. Sánchez, written by Nina Jaffe (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 1996; ISBN 0-689-80469-5; \$16.00); and *Gathering the Sun: an Alphabet in Spanish and English*, illustrated by Simón Silva, written by Alma Flor Ada, English translation by Rosa Zubizarreta (Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, 1997; ISBN 0-688-13903-5; \$16.00).

**1998 ALSC Laura Ingalls Wilder Medal** (outstanding contribution to literature for children)—Russell Freedman for his entire body of work.

**1998 ALSC May Hill Arbutnot Honor Lecturer** (annual lecture by an outstanding author, critic, librarian, historian, or teacher of children's literature)—Lillian N. Gerhardt.

**1998 YALSA and School Library Journal Margaret A. Edwards Award** (annual award to an author of outstanding young adult books)—Madeline L'Engle for the Austin Family Series (including *Meet the Austins* and *A Ring of Endless Light*) and the Time Fantasy Series (including *A Wrinkle in Time* and *A Swiftly Tilting Planet*).

**1998 Carnegie Medal for Video**—*Willie: An American Snow White*. Produced and directed by Tom Davenport. Distributed by Davenport Films. ■

## Dates and Data

Send information on continuing education activities and meetings to Continuing Education, *Channel*, Division for Libraries and Community Learning.

### February

**1-28 American History Month.** Contact Historian General's Office, Daughters of the American Revolution, 1776 D Street NW, Washington, DC 20006-5392; (202) 879-3255.

**African-American History Month.** Sponsored by the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History. For materials, contact The Associated Publishers, Inc., 1407 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20005; (202) 265-1441.

**10 Library Legislative Day.** Madison. Sponsored by Wisconsin Library Association. Contact Lisa Strand, (608) 245-3640.

**23-24 Library Technology Planning conference.** Ramada Inn and Conference Center, Madison. Sponsored by DPI and DOA. Contact Robert Bocher, (608) 266-2127.

**27-28 WEMA Board of Directors meeting.** Milwaukee. Contact Helen Adams, (715) 677-4011, (715) 592-4614, hadams@coredcs.com, or Sherry Freiberg, (414) 929-2780.

### March

**1-31 Music in Our Schools Month.** Contact Music Educators National Conference, 1806 Robert Fulton Drive, Reston, VA 22091; (800) 336-3768.

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**National Nutrition Month.** Contact American Dietetic Association, 216 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606; (312) 899-0040, ext. 4653.

**National Women's History Month.** Contact National Women's History Project, 7738 Bell Road, Windsor, CA 95492; (707) 838-6000.

**Youth Art Month.** Contact Council for Art Education, 100 Boylston Street, Suite 1050, Boston, MA 02116; (617) 426-6400.

**8 International Women's Day.** Same day every year. Contact National Women's History Project, 7738 Bell Road, Windsor, CA 95492; (707) 838-6000.

**10-11 Children's Book Fest.** Holiday Inn, Rhinelander. Ginny Moore Kruse, K.T. Horning, and Megan Schliesman talk about the best books of 1997. Evening presentation (3/10) sponsored by Headwaters Reading Council. Contact Joan Belongia Mode, (715) 362-5111. Day presentation (3/11) sponsored by Rhinelander School District and Rhinelander District Library. Contact Kris Adams Wendt, (715) 365-1050. Registration for both required by 3/6.

**10-14 Public Libraries: Vital, Valuable, Virtual.** Seventh national conference. Kansas City, MO. Sponsored by the Public Library Association. Contact (800) 545-2433, extension 5PLA, <http://www.pla.org>.

**27 It Takes a Vision.** Video teleconference for library support staff, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Madison Area Technical College. Sponsored by South Central Library System and MATC. Sessions are free to members of library systems that have intersystem agreements with SCLS; \$20 others. Registration materials mailed to all Wisconsin library systems. Contact Donna Hussin, (608) 246-5613, [dhussin@scls.lib.wi.us](mailto:dhussin@scls.lib.wi.us).

## April

**1-30 National Media Month/School Library Media Month**

**1-3 Wisconsin Educational Media Association.** Spring conference. Grand Milwaukee Hotel, Milwaukee. Contact Mary Lou Zuege, (414) 255-8444, or Pamela Penn, (414) 475-8128.

**2 International Children's Book Day.** Celebrated on Hans Christian Andersen's birthday to help young children develop an understanding of other cultures through literature. Contact U.S. Board on Books for Young People, c/o International Reading Association, P. O. Box 8139, Newark, DE 19714-8139; (302) 731-1600, ext. 274.

**3 WLA Young Adult Services Section.** Spring conference. Stevens Point. Contact Elizabeth Vollrath, Portage County Public Library.

**7 World Health Day.** Commemorates establishment of the World Health Organization in 1948. Contact American Association for World Health, (202) 466-5883.

**19-25 National Library Week.** Contact American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611.

**26-28 The Wright Place at the Right Time: Positioning the Library for Maximum Impact.** Wisconsin Health Science Library Association annual meeting. Monona Terrace Convention Center, Madison. Contact Mary Janeck, (608) 358-6532, [mjaneck@ssmhc.com](mailto:mjaneck@ssmhc.com), or Robert Koehler, (608) 267-6234, [rkoehler@meriter.com](mailto:rkoehler@meriter.com).

**30 You Deserve a Break Today: A Special Workshop for Library Support Staff.** Eau Claire, sponsored by Indianhead Federated Library System. Presenter: Dr. Deb Johnson. Contact Sandy Robbers, (715) 839-5082 or [robbers@ifls.lib.wi.us](mailto:robbers@ifls.lib.wi.us). Credit available. Register by April 23, 1998.

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